

2003 CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION of CONSERVATION COUNCILS & NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION of ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCILS

Hyatt Regency Hotel
Buffalo, Erie County, New York

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

OCTOBER 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2003

The New York State Association of Environmental Management Councils and the New York State Association of Conservation Councils are hosting their **Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Downtown Buffalo on the first weekend in October - Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 3rd, 4th and 5th of October, 2003**. The focus of the Conference is to provide a forum for exchanging information on current and developing alternative energy technologies and sources as well as the economic incentives in place to assist municipalities and homeowners to apply alternative energy enhancements to their properties. The Conference is scheduled to coincide with a regional Tour of Solar Homes. **For Hotel Reservations, contact the Hyatt at:**

1 - 800 - 233 - 1234

1 - 716 - 855 - 4958

For More Information regarding the 2003 NYSAEMC/NYSACC Conference, please visit the following links:

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CONFERENCE THEME: *SUSTAINABLE LIVING WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY*

Listed below are some of the questions that will be answered during the 2003 CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

- What do you need to know to encourage the growth of renewable, sustainable energy availability?
- What can you do to encourage the growth of the green energy producers?
- What financial assistance is available to homeowners or small business managers to get into green energy applications?
- What green energy choices do you have now? What's available now? Where is the technology going?
- What is New York State doing to encourage the growth and development of the applications of green energy? How can you individually get financial assistance to get into green energy?
- What is the current status of Environmental and Conservation issues in Albany, and in particular, with the NYS DEC?

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AGENDA

Friday, October 3rd

1:00 - 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer, Mezzanine Level</i>
3:00 - 4:00 PM	WORKSHOP "How to start a CAC or an EMC" Joy Squires and Lee Hanle Young <i>Niagara Room, Mezzanine Level</i>
3:00 - 6:00 PM	EXHIBITORS <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer, Mezzanine Level</i>
4:00 - 5:00 PM	NYSAEMC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING <i>Regency Ballrooms A & B</i>
5:00 - 6:15 PM	SOCIAL HOUR AMONGST THE EXHIBITS <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer & Sun Garden</i>
6:30 to 9:00 PM	EVENING ACTIVITIES <i>Grand Ballrooms A, B, & C</i> WELCOMING REMARKS Erie County Executive Joel A. Giambra DINNER KEY NOTE SPEAKER Mr. William M. Flynn Chairman, NYS Public Service Commission
9:00 PM	Hospitality Room <i>Sun Garden - Solar Atrium</i>

Saturday, October 4th

7:00 to 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST <i>Grand Ballroom B & C</i>
8:30 to 10:15 AM	PLENARY OPENING SESSION <i>Renewables are Ready</i> Walter Simpson and Dennis Andrejko <i>Grand Ballroom B & C</i>
10:00 to 6:30 PM	EXHIBITS <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer & Sun Garden</i>

10:30 to 11:45 AM	WORK SHOPS (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <i>Renewable Energy - New Technologies for a New Century</i> Joan Bozer, Walter Simpson, Steven Strong & NYSERDA <i>Grand Ballroom E</i> ❖ <i>Transportation Issues - Alternative fuels and fueled vehicles</i> <i>focusing on municipalities, fleet operators and schools</i> Linda Hardie & NYSERDA <i>Grand Ballroom F</i>
12:00 to 1:30 PM	LUNCH Remarks by Presidents of NYSAEMC & NYSACC with Awards Presentations <i>Grand ballroom B & C</i>
1:45 to 5:00 PM	BUS TOURS Bus tour to a solar home and the Headquarters of ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT, INC ❖ Buses leave at 1:45 PM and 2:00 PM
2:00 to 3:30 PM	WORK SHOP NYS DEC Updates George Proios and NYS DEC <i>Grand Ballroom G</i>
5:30 to 6:30 PM	SOCIAL HOUR AMONGST THE EXHIBITS <i>Grand Ballroom Foyer and Sun Garden</i>
6:30 PM	EVENING ACTIVITIES <i>Grand Ballrooms D, E, F, G</i> WELCOMING REMARKS Laurence K. Rubin, Commissioner Erie County Dept. of Environment and Planning DINNER FEATURED SPEAKER Steven J. Strong, President Solar Design Associates
9:00 PM	HOSPITALITY ROOM <i>Sun Garden - Solar Atrium</i>

Sunday, October 5th

7:30 to 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST <i>Grand Ballrooms B & C</i>
8:30 to 11:30 AM	BUS TOUR TO NIAGARA FALLS
9:00 to 10:00 AM	NYSAEMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING <i>Grand Ballroom E & F</i> NYSACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING <i>Grand Ballroom G</i>
10:00 to 11:00 AM	COMBINED BOARDS OF DIRECTORS MEETING <i>Grand Ballroom E & F</i>
12:00 AM	Check out & Departures

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Invited Conference Keynote Speaker (opening night)

William M. Flynn, Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission

Governor Pataki appointed Mr. Flynn, Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission to the post in January 2003. He supervises the energy production and delivery services, and has a lead role in overseeing the development and promulgation of a variety of energy sources. In his previous post as President of the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA), he managed state programs to develop and install energy efficiency measures in industries, schools, hospitals, municipalities and not-for-profits, etc. His leadership in these two capacities, as well as his background and experience in developing and expanding alternative energy resources in New York State, makes him an appropriate opening keynote speaker for our conference!

Keynote Speaker (Saturday evening)

Steven J. Strong, Solar Design Architect

Time Magazine called Steven Strong a "Hero of the Planet" for his integration of the renewable energy systems into building design. Mr. Strong has earned an international reputation for pioneering designs of energy-autonomous buildings. Mr. Strong was with President Carter when he dedicated the first solar energy application at the White House in 1979 and was recently invited back when the National Park Service retained his firm, Solar Design Associates, to design and install three solar-energy systems at the White House compound. According to Mark Farber, President of Evergreen Solar, in SOLAR TODAY Magazine, May/June 2003, "Steven Strong is one of the world's most respected solar designers, and a true pioneer in the industry." He has offered his talents and experience in the design of the Solar Powered Carrousel for the Buffalo waterfront!

Other Speakers

Walter Simpson, Energy Officer, State University of New York at Buffalo

Walter Simpson is the Energy Officer for the State University at Buffalo, and UB Green leader. A former member of the Erie County Environmental Management Council, he has organized and conducted workshops and conferences on "green design" and energy conservation. He has been recognized for providing leadership to a nationally recognized campus energy program, which has saved millions of dollars through energy conservation and is now the largest purchaser of wind power in New York State.

HOTEL RESEVATIONS

Please call 1 - 800 - 233 - 1234 to make reservations at the Hyatt, and specify they are for the 2003 Conference on the Environment on October 3rd, 4th, and 5th, or use the conference code "NYEM."

There is an incentive to make your reservation with the Conference Hotel early. From now through Thursday the 28th of August the room rate for a single or double occupancy room, per night, will be \$84.00 plus tax. (Triple and quadruple occupancy of an individual room will be \$94.00 per room night during this initial period.) After the 29th of August, through Thursday the 11th of September, the room rate per night will be \$89.00 plus tax (The rate for triple and quadruple occupancy will be \$99.00 per room night.) After the 12th of September the rate will increase to the standard rate depending on availability

Please note that hotel tax is 13.25%. The NYSAEMC and the NYSACC are tax-exempt organizations. NYSAEMC and NYSACC Members, appointed by their municipal Mayor or Supervisor or their County Executive, may enjoy this status relative to the Hotel room rates by providing written evidence of such status naming themselves as appointed members.

HOTEL LOCATION

The Hyatt Regency Hotel is centered on Main Street in downtown Buffalo. No vehicular traffic is allowed on Main Street in this part of Downtown. It is a pedestrian walk, with the METRO LINE TRAIN in the center. The Metro becomes a subway further east, going out of downtown to the South Campus of the SUNY at BUFFALO. In this segment of downtown, The METRO is on the street level, and this surface level segment downtown is FREE.

The streets downtown are for the most part, one way. The principal entrance to the Hyatt Hotel is on Pearl Street, which is the west parallel of Main Street, and it runs towards the southwest - towards the lake.

Helpful websites for more information:

www.nysaemc.org
www.hyatt.com
www.visitbuffaloniagara.com

PARKING

Parking is available in parking garages operated by private concerns under City supervision. The one directly across the street from the Hotel - the Convention Center Parking Garage - charges a maximum of \$7.25 per day, if the vehicle is left in it all day. The hourly rate is \$1.25 per hour, up to a maximum of \$7.25 in any given day. Special

note: The Owen Augspurger Parking Garage is diagonally across the intersection from the Hotel (not the one directly across the street). The Hotel has agreed to reimburse one half of a daily parking fee, or \$3.50 of the \$7.25, for use of the Augspurger Parking Garage. This must be for a one day, full day usage of the parking garage, and will not apply to several 'in and outs' on a given day. This applies only for the Owen Augspurger Parking Garage.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Identification of Special needs: The Hotel asks for special needs of a cultural, religious, dietary, or physically challenged characterization be identified at the time of registration. We expect the Hotel will be especially supportive if the needs are identified early.

MEALS

Total Cost of all 5 Meals including gratuity is: \$ 94.75

All Prices include 18% gratuity

Dinner, Friday: \$29.50

8 oz Sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef with salad, veggie, coffee, tea, bread
or
Vegetarian Napoleon stuffed with grilled vegetables & mushroom ragout
and
Chocolate Raspberry Bombe Desert

Lunch, Saturday: \$14.25

Executive Deli Cold Lunch Plate with a variety of breads and potato salad
and an assorted deserts plate

Dinner, Saturday: \$29.50

Breast of Chicken wrapped in Proscuitto with feta cheese and spinach and
orange, tomato sauce
or
Vegetable Phyllo Purse with Israelis Cous Cous and Grilled Veggies and
Roasted Red Pepper Coulis
and
Key Lime Pie Dessert.

Breakfasts: \$10.75

Continental Breakfast Set-Up Saturday & Sunday

If a bigger breakfast, if desired, is available in the Hotel's restaurant.

Buffalo-Niagara Regional Attractions

The Buffalo - Niagara Visitors and Convention Bureau will be on site at the Convention Registration Desk to answer questions and help plan side trips. There are a variety of things to do in and around Buffalo and Niagara Falls. The Buffalo - Niagara Visitors & Convention Bureau will have many brochures available at the Conference Registration Desk, along with a staff person to help with directions to the various sites. Their phone number is (716) 852 - 0511; their fax is (716) 852 - 0131; their e-mail is info@buffalocvb.org; and their website is www.visitbuffaloniagara.com

Some Suggested Activities:

Niagara Falls: <http://www.infoniagara.com/>

American Side (45 minutes away), Canadian side (1 hour away). Gambling casinos on both sides

Herschell Carousel Museum: <http://www.carouselmuseum.org/>

In Tonawanda, western terminus of the Erie Canal

Frank Lloyd Wright 's Unique Architectural Gems:

The Darwin D. Martin Home: <http://www.darwinmartinhouse.org/>

Graycliff Summer Home: <http://graycliff.bfn.org/>

Tours of Buffalo's Architecture: http://www.buffalocvb.org/Architecture_2.html

examples of the work of Frank L. Wright, Louis Sullivan, H.H. Richardson, Frederick Law Olmstead

Buffalo Bills Home Game: <http://www.buffalobills.com/>

Sunday, October 5th, 1:00 PM Vs. Cincinnati Bengals

Buffalo Zoo in Delaware Park: <http://www.buffalozoo.org/>

Buffalo Museum of Science: <http://www.sciencebuff.org/>

Albright-Knox Art Gallery: <http://www.albrightknox.org/>

Tifft Nature Preserve: <http://www.sciencebuff.org/tifft.html>

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site: <http://www.nps.gov/thri/>

Buffalo Botanical Gardens: <http://www.buffalogardens.com/>

Antiquing: <http://www.antiqueworldmarket.com/>